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Mr. Don Grantham
Chairman of the State Transportation Board
P.O. Box 3145
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Re: Amended 2013 Biennial P3 Project Candidate List

Dear Mr. Grantham:

Pursuant to Section 32-2-79 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the Georgia Department of Transportation ("Department") is required to identify and report to the State Transportation Board ("Board") a list of public private partnership (P3) projects that afford the greatest gains in congestion mitigation or promotion of economic development every odd year. In creating this list, the Department has considered the investment policies identified in Section 32-2-41.1(a) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

In a letter dated July 29, 2013, the Department presented the Board with the 2013 P3 project candidate list. The two recommended P3 projects for 2013 included in the list were I-285 Top End Improvements (aka Revive285) and SR 400 Managed Lane Improvements. The list presented to the Board was not a commitment to procure these projects as a P3 but merely a list of projects that meet eligibility requirements for procurement under P3. If other projects were determined to be feasible before the next formal opportunity to present a biennial list (in July 2015), the Department may present to the Board additional candidate projects for P3 consideration.

The Department has identified the I-285 and SR 400 Improvements Project as an additional candidate project for P3 implementation. The Project is comprised of the I-285 at SR 400 Interchange Project as well as the SR 400 Collector Distributor (CD) Project. The interchange project will include construction of barrier-separated CD lanes along I-285 and SR 400, reconstruction of the existing ramps, and new flyover bridges, as well as reconstruction and widening of existing bridges in the interchange area. The SR 400 CD Project will include construction of CD lanes along SR 400 from Hammond Drive to Spalding Drive and would tie into proposed improvements at the interchange. It is anticipated the two projects will be procured as a single P3 Design-Build-Finance (DBF) project. The amended list of 2013 recommended P3 projects is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Golden".

Keith Golden, P.E.
Commissioner

KG:DVM

cc: State Transportation Board Members

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Project	Description
I-285 Top End Improvements aka Revive 285	The Revive 285 project extends 12 miles along I-285 from I-75N to I-85N. The NEPA Environmental Impacts Statement (EIS) is currently underway. Managed Lane implementation along the Top End of I-285 was a priority (Tier 2) Managed Lane System Plan (MLSP) recommendation. The Revive285 project is included as part of Plan 2040. Presuming that Managed Lanes are part of the ultimate NEPA preferred alternative, the project would conceivably involve the addition of two managed lanes in each direction along the outside of the existing general purpose lanes. As project development activities continue, GDOT will determine whether the P3 is an appropriate delivery mechanism, and if so whether a P3 project would involve all elements of the NEPA preferred alternative or whether it is more appropriate to pursue a phased implementation.
SR 400 Managed Lane Improvements	The SR 400 project extends 20 miles along SR 400 North from I-285N to SR 20 and would conceivably involve the addition of managed lanes. A project feasibility study is underway and expected to be completed in Summer 2013. The Managed Lane System Plan (MLSP) recommended 2 managed lanes in each direction from I-285 to Kimball Bridge Road and one lane in each direction from Kimball Bridge Road to south of Peachtree Parkway. The MLSP recommended managed lanes along SR 400 as a priority Tier 2 project. The SR 400 managed lanes were included as part of Plan 2040. The project feasibility study will confirm project scope, cost, revenue forecasts, public subsidy requirement, implementation timeline, environmental clearance strategy and offer guidance on delivery strategies, including potentially P3.
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